

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method for accessing a service platform (SP) via an Internet browser session, said method comprising steps of:
 - (a) installing a servlet at a web-server of a content provider having access to said service platform;
 - (b) when a user tries to use a service of said service platform by contacting said web server of said content provider within a certain browser session, detecting by said servlet whether or not said certain browser session is already associated to a related service session;
 - (c) if said certain browser session is already associated to said related service session, performing predetermined actions related to said service session;
 - (d) if said certain browser session is not associated to said related service session, the servlet returning a web-page containing an applet to guide an associated browser of the user through a logon process for said related service session and after the logon process via the applet, the applet initiates a re-request to access the service session by initiating a re-contacting of said web server of the content provider; and
 - (e) said user accessing said service session via said certain browser session.

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2. (previously presented): A method as in claim 1, wherein said user accessing said service session via said certain browser session by using said applet received within said browser session for accessing said service session.

3. (previously presented): A method as in claim 1, wherein said received applet is launched on said browser.

4. (previously presented): A method as in claim 1, wherein said applet contacts said service session and informs said servlet via the service session about the association of said certain browser session to said service session.

5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented): A method as in claim 4, wherein said servlet is informed via the service session about the association of said certain browser session with a particular party.

7. (previously presented): A method as in claim 6, wherein accounting procedures for said party are passed to said servlet.

8. (previously presented): A method as in claim 4, wherein for contacting the service session, said applet starts an access session and logs on to a retailer.

9. (previously presented): A method as in claim 8, wherein said applet tries to find, whether the user is already in an access session and if not it will establish one.

10. (previously presented): A method as in claim 8, wherein during the log on, a user-application service component is launched.

11. (currently amended): A servlet for being installed at a web server, said servlet is adapted for performing following steps when executed on said web server:

when a user tries to use a service of said service platform by contacting said web server within an certain browser session, detecting whether or not said certain browser session is already associated to a related service session of a service platform;

if said certain browser session is already associated to said related service session, performing predetermined actions related to said service session; and

if said certain browser session is not associated to said related service session, the servlet returning a web-page containing an applet which is adapted for guiding an associated browser of the user through a logon process for said related service session at the service platform, and after the logon process via the applet, the applet initiates a re-request to access the service session by initiating a re-contacting of said web server of the content provider.

12. (previously presented): A servlet as in claim 11, wherein said servlet keeping a list of www browser sessions associated to service sessions of said service platform and related interfaces of user-application service components of said service platform.

13. (previously presented): A servlet as in claim 11, wherein said servlet, when launched on said web server, goes through a login procedure and starts a service session at a retailer of said service platform.

14. (previously presented): A servlet as in claim 13, wherein said servlet, when launched on said web server, launches a respective user-application service component within the service platform.

15. (previously presented): A service unit of a content provider having access to a service platform, said service unit comprising a content repository for providing content, a web-server for enabling the service unit to be a party of a Internet browser session and a servlet as in claim 11, being installed at said web-server.

16. (previously presented): A service unit as in claim 15, wherein each time a link is requested on the web server, the servlet is invoked.

17. (currently amended): An applet for accessing a service platform via an Internet browser session, said applet is adapted for performing following steps when executed on a web browser of a user:

guiding the web browser of the user through a logon process for a service session of a service platform;

informing a servlet launched on a web server of a content provider via the service session about the association of said browser session to said service session; and

initiating a contacting of said web server of the content provider by said web browser within said browser session,

wherein the servlet provides the web browser of the user with the applet serving as a proxy guiding the web browser of the user through the logon process.

18. (previously presented): The method as in claim 1, wherein one of said predetermined actions is charging.

19. (new): The method as in claim 1, wherein, when said certain browser session is not associated to said related service session, the servlet of the content provider sends a web-page containing the applet to the browser of the user, wherein the sent applet guides the browser of the user through the logon process to a retailer, and wherein, after the logon process, informing the content provider of an established association between the browser of the user and the retailer.

20. (new): The method according to claim 1, wherein the servlet is launched at the web-server of the content provider and wherein the servlet returns the applet to the browser of the user, said applet, executed on the user browser, serves as a proxy for interaction between the user browser and a retailer.

21. (new): The method according to claim 1, wherein the servlet provides the applet to the browser of the user and the browser of the user executes the applet guiding central authentication to a retailer, wherein, after the central authentication, the retailer informs the service provider of an association between the browser of the user and a party providing the service, and wherein, after the retailer informs the service provider of the association, the applet re-requests access to the service and the servlet associates the browser of the user to the related service.